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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please consider the following arguments in determining the allowability of the pending claims. After amendment, claims 1-3 and 5-30 are pending in the present application. Note that claim 4 was previously cancelled (the office action did not acknowledge the previous cancellation). The amendments to the claims are presented below. They are merely formalistic in nature.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 11, 12 and 15 as indicated. No other claims are amended in this response.

- 1. (Previously amended) A multi-phase surfactant composition wherein said composition comprises at least two discrete and separate liquid phases upon settling, said composition comprising a first or lower high density emollient/conditioning layer comprising at least one high density aromatic ester emollient or conditioning agent having a specific gravity of greater than 1.00 and at least one additional layer comprising a surfactant solution having a specific gravity of less than the specific gravity of said high density layer.
- 2. (Previously amended) The composition according to claim 1 comprising three (3) distinct and separate liquid phases, a first layer comprising at least one high density aromatic ester emollient or conditioning agent having a

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